

Fall 2000 CEPP Meeting #6

25 September 2000
UWW Conference Room

Attending: Adam Abramovitz, Sue Bender, John Brueggemann (chair), Pat Fehling, Pat Oles, Lary Opitz. David Domozych and Jon Ramsey attended the opening of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM on 25 September 2000 in the UWW Conference Room.

1. John Brueggemann suggested that we explore alternative meeting times on Mondays and Fridays.
2. David Domozych and Jon Ramsey presented a proposal for an affiliation with Columbia University's Biosphere 2.
Ramsey reviewed the process, indicating that if CEPP approves the affiliation, it need simply be reported to the faculty. Supporting documents on both the Biosphere and approval procedures were distributed.
Domozych spoke to the substance of the proposal. He enjoyed a successful site visit and enthusiastically supports the proposal for the Earth Semester Program.
A brief question and answer period ensued.
A decision would have to be rendered in four to six weeks if we hope to be officially affiliated by next semester, though students could attend the program on academic leave should a decision not be made by that time.
John Brueggemann stated that CEPP will study and discuss the proposal. If necessary, CEPP will ask for clarifications. He will serve as the repository of the additional support documents.
3. The minutes of Meeting #5 were reviewed, corrected and accepted. Revisions will appear in the archived document. The minutes of Meeting #2 were also accepted.
4. The September 22nd Special Faculty Meeting was discussed in detail. Each member of CEPP reported reactions to the meeting. John Brueggemann summarized the main points as follows:
 - a. Streamlining in and of itself is a major issue
 - b. Any future proposal must honor previous work on the all-college curriculum
 - c. We must respond to the question (as expressed by Terry Diggory) on the impression of inequitable undercutting of the nature requirement
 - d. The foreign language requirement is a main focus point
5. Discussion began concerning appropriate next steps on the core curriculum proposal. CEPP members will consider appropriate responses to the issues raised at the 9/22/00 meeting and on the website.

6. The next regular CEPP meeting will be in the UWW Conference Room on Monday, October 2nd, 2000 at 1:30 PM. There will be an additional meeting scheduled at 12:00 PM on Friday, October 6th (room to be announced) to discuss the faculty meeting that afternoon.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lary Opitz